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E.O. 11652:GDS
TAGS: PINT VS JA
SUBJECT:EVACUATION OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES

REF: TOKYO 4059

1. FOLLOWING ARE RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS RAISED REFTEL:
A. AIR EVACUATION FROM DANANG NO LONGER POSSIBLE. LATEST
INFORMATION AVAILABLE HERE INDICATES SEA EVACUATION
EFFORTS WITHIN DANANG HARBOR HAVE ALSO BEEN DISCONTINUED,
THOUGH VESSELS COMMITTED TO DANANG EVACUATION WILL BE
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KEPT ON STANDBY BASIS PENDING CLARIFICATION OF SITUATION,
AND SOME VESSELS ARE IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS OFF DANANG
TO RECEIVE REFUGEES WHO MAY ESCAPE IN SMALL BOATS.

B. AND C. TRANSPORTATION ASSETS WHICH USG AND OTHER COUNTRIES PROVIDING ARE INTENDED FOR USE IN REFUGEE EVACUATION NOT ONLY IN DANANG AREA BUT IN OTHER AREAS ALONG COAST OF SOUTH VIETNAM WHERE NEED MAY DEVELOP. WE HOPE GOJ WILL VIEW EVACUATION REQUIREMENT IN THIS BROADER CONTEXT. WHILE WE KNOW OF NO SPECIFIC GVN PLANS FOR EVACUATION OF OTHER COASTAL CITIES, FURTHER HEAVY NORTH VIETNAMESE MILITARY PRESSURE AGAINST AREAS OF CENTRAL COAST IS PROBABLE, AND WE HOPE THERE WILL BE SUFFICIENT TRANSPORTATION ASSETS AVAILABLE TO RESPOND QUICKLY TO EVACUATION NEEDS WHICH ARE LIKELY TO ARISE. D. GVN IS REQUESTING UN INTERVENTION TO ARRANGE FOR

UNHINDERED MOVEMENT OF REFUGEES. THOUGH PROSPECTS FOR NORTH VIETNAMESE COOPERATION IN REFUGEE MOVEMENT DO NOT APPEAR BRIGHT, EFFORT IS NONETHELESS WORTH MAKING AND DESERVES STRONG SUPPORT ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS. E. OTHER COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE ALREADY COMMITTED ASSETS

TO EVACUATION EFFORT ARE PHILIPPINES, AUSTRALIA, TAIWAN, KOREA, GREAT BRITAIN, AND WEST GERMANY.

2. SITUATION IN VIETNAM IS VERY FLUID, AND IF

AMEMBASSY SAIGON HAS LATER INFORMATION WHICH MIGHT BE USEFUL FOR USE WITH GOJ, IT SHOULD BE SENT DIRECTLY TO YOU BY SAIGON. KISSINGER

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